

What is Claimed is:

1. A rights management system comprising:

one or more hierarchical rights; and

a right management module that manages the one or more hierarchical rights.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more hierarchical rights comprise one or more usage rights and delegation rights.
3. The system of claim 2, wherein the usage rights comprise at least one of viewing, printing, editing, approving, modifying, updating and copying.
4. The system of claim 2, wherein the delegation rights comprise at least one of distribution rights and distribution quantity.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more hierarchical rights are associated with one or more digital works.
6. The system of claim 5, wherein the digital works comprise at least one of E-Books, books, documents, music, audio information, multimedia presentations and video information.
7. A method of managing rights comprising:

determining one or more hierarchical rights; and

associating the one or more hierarchical rights with one or more digital works.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more hierarchical rights comprise one or more usage rights and delegation rights.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the usage rights comprise at least one of viewing, printing, editing, approving, modifying, updating and copying.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the delegation rights comprise at least one of distribution rights and distribution quantity.

11. The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more hierarchical rights are associated with one or more portions of information.

12. The method of claim 7, wherein the digital works comprise at least one of E-Books, music, audio information, multimedia presentations and video information.

13. A digital rights management language comprising:

one or more hierarchical usage rights; and

one or more hierarchical delegation rights.

14. The language of claim 13, wherein the hierarchical usage rights comprise at least one of viewing, printing, editing, approving, modifying, updating and copying.

15. The language of claim 13, wherein the hierarchical delegation rights comprise at least one of distribution rights and distribution quantity.

16. An information storage media comprising:

information that determines one or more hierarchical rights; and

information that associates the one or more hierarchical rights with one or more digital works.

17. The media of claim 16, wherein the one or more hierarchical rights comprise one or more usage rights and delegation rights.

18. The media of claim 17, wherein the usage rights comprise at least one of viewing, printing, editing, approving, modifying, updating and copying.

19. The media of claim 17, wherein the delegation rights comprise at least one of distribution rights and distribution quantity.

20. The media of claim 16, wherein the one or more hierarchical rights are associated with one or more portions of information.

21. The media of claim 16, wherein the digital works comprise at least one of E-Books, books, music, audio information, multimedia presentations and video information.

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